

James Blake House
Dorchester, Massachusetts
Suffolk Co.

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Historic American Buildings Survey
Frank Chouteau Brown, District Officer
76 Chestnut Street, Boston, Mass.

Addendum to
James Blake House
735 Columbia Road
Boston
Suffolk County
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National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C. 20240

ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

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| STATE MASSACHUSETTS | COUNTY SUFOLK | TOWN OR VICINITY BOSTON |
| HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) JAMES BLAKE HOUSE | | HABS NO. MA-560 |
| SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE | | |
| COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 735 Columbia Road | | |
| DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) ca. 1650 | ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) | |
| SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) One of earliest structures remaining in area. Lived in by descendants of of builder for over 175 years. | | |
| STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) | | |
| MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Mortise and Tenon frame. Modern shingle cladding over horizontal boards | | |
| SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Two stories with cellar and garret, 38' x 20'. One room on either side of central chimney. | | |
| EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Casements are reproductions, not original | | |
| INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Triple-run stair from cellar to garret | | |
| MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Moved to present site. | | |
| PRESENT CONDITION AND USE rented to occupants/caretakers. Used for meetings of historical groups. | | |
| OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Purchased by City of Boston in 1895, then moved and given to Dorchester Historical Society. | | |
| SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) | | |
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